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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Douglas P. ALLARD

Serial No.: 10/017,385

Filed: December 14, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3673

Examiner: Alexandra K. Pechhold

Atty. Dkt. No.: 11533.0012.CPUS05

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 6, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired on June 6, 2003. A Petition for extending this period for response by three months to September 6, 2003 accompanies this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing Docket No. 11533.0012.CPUS05 in the amount of \$465.00, for the appropriate extension fee. Because September 6, 2003 is a Saturday, the three-month extension effectively covers the next business day September 8, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the claims in view of the following remarks.